

Dear Friends Grassroots Network and Partners:

Please join our Friends Grassroots Network call on Thursday to discuss Sec. Zinke's interim report that includes a recommendation to dramatically eliminate lands from Bears Ears National Monument. Get an update on how we're working together to fight to defend national monuments and the National Conservation Lands.

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Noon (MDT)/11:00 AM Pacific

Call-in information:

(855) 212-0212 or (530) 881-1212

Access Code: 573-616-683

Agenda:

- Welcome new CLF staff: Brian Sybert, Executive Director and David Feinman, Director of Government Affairs
- Bears Ears "Review Period" update from Utah and next steps
- Substantive comments submission on all monuments under review
- Updates from partners working on other important efforts outside of defensive campaigns

More Information:

A new, informative press release from Friends of Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks can be found [here](#). To adapt for your local area, just fill in your own information and add in local quotes and you have a terrific press release about the ongoing "review period" and how people can stand up against this attack on all of our National Monuments. Let us know if you need assistance.

Remember, it is important that people know that if this ill-informed recommendation can be made for Bears Ears, the national monuments in your state could be next.

For more information on the legal rationale on **why shrinking or rescinding monuments is illegal**, please take a look at this [informative document](#).

The deadline to submit public comments for the other national monuments highlighted in the Executive Order is **July 10**. Let people know they can still go to www.MonumentsforAll.org to make their voice heard.

Social Media Guidance:

Below are some sample social media posts that you can use, as well as talking points if you want to send an email to your board or volunteers, or submit a letter to the editor of your local paper.

- Google folder of additional images: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1y3vwBbZ-cFbmEyX0FIWWp0UWc?usp=sharing>

- Facebook profile photo tool (put the Bears Ears logo over your profile picture this week!): <https://actionsprout.io/F0A06F>
- Twitter tool (brings up a sample tweet to Zinke): <http://bit.ly/2mRibsD>

Sample tweets:

READ: #BearsEars Inter-Tribal Coalition condemns @SecretaryZinke plan to eviscerate monument: [#StandWithBearsEars](http://bit.ly/2rc9BpH)

Tearing apart #BearsEars would be an illegal act - and a slap in the face to sovereign Tribal Nations. #StandWithBearsEars! #MonumentsForAll

Monuments "review" officially a sham: 1 million+ comments support #MonumentsForAll but @SecretaryZinke refuses to #StandWithBearsEars

#StandWithBearsEars! Change your Facebook profile photo to oppose the Administration's attack <https://actionsprout.io/F0A06F> #MonumentsForAll

Sample Facebook post:

Protected landscapes where we hunt, fish, camp and hike are part of what makes our country great. Tearing apart Bears Ears National Monument would be against the wishes of more than 1 million public comments in support of our #MonumentsForAll. We can't stay silent when America's heritage is at stake. Change your Facebook profile photo to stand with Bears Ears. <https://actionsprout.io/F0A06F>

Sample Instagram post:

An attack on our national monuments is an attack on all of our public lands and America's national heritage. The #BearsEars landscape contains tens of thousands of cultural sites, spectacular natural features, and world-class opportunities for outdoor recreation. But will future generations have the chance to experience its wonders? #MonumentsForAll
@usinterior @whitehouse @usinterior @mypubliclands @usdagov

Talking Points:

To be clear, Zinke is recommending that President Trump eliminate important parts of Bears Ears National Monument - a move that is illegal, undermines tribal sovereignty and ignores the will of the American people.

National parks and protected public lands and waters help define who we are as a nation. Attempts to rip apart the fabric of national monuments are an assault on our nation's historical, cultural and natural heritage.

Utahans and the majority of Americans support national monuments and oppose removing protections.

- Despite the woefully short initial 15-day comment period, the response from Utah and across the nation was loud and clear. More than 700,000 Americans voiced

support for the Bears Ears, with 99% of the comments in support of the national monument. [Click here](#) to read this article regarding the outpouring of support generated.

- National parks, monuments, public lands and waters are a critical part of the nation's economy - especially for rural and Western communities that benefit from the tourism, outdoor recreation and quality of life associated with healthy public lands.

An Attack on Bears Ears is an Attack on All Monuments

- With all national monuments designated since 1996 still under "review" this recommendation confirms the Trump Administration is on a disturbing path to undermine our National Conservation Lands. We still have until July 10 to make our voices heard in support of our other national monuments.

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